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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1714

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Shuhua Gou, et al.

**Examiner:** Peter A. Szekely

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**Dated:** November 10, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 9, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified case.

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